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PLATFORM

Adopted by the State Convention of the People's Party at Wichita.

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the People's party of Kansas, in convention assembled, ratify the St. Louis preamble and platform of principles of February 22d, 1892, and reaffirm every sentence and line of the same as fully as though set out herein, and we only desire to add to it by specializing and emphasizing some of the vital truths therein expressed.

Resolved, That we believe all legislation should be directed to the end of securing to the laborer the full fruits of his toil, and that the betterment of his condition, morally and intellectually, should be alike purpose of law. We therefore denounce all monopolies of the products of labor, and all monopolies of the soil and other natural resources of the earth, like the minerals and coal, and all elements of nature, like electricity, by the use of which the human race through labor subsists.

Resolved, That we believe that government only is good where an injury to one is the concern of all; that public needs should be supplied by public agencies, and that the people should be served equally and alike; and that among other things the government should provide public telephones and telegraph lines, and a postal currency for convenience in transmitting small sums of money, and that as nearly as practicable the mail of all the people be delivered at their homes free.

Resolved, That we favor a liberal pension law, and a law making good to the old soldiers their loss by reason of payment for services in depreciated currency, and that the government issue United States notes, full legal tender, to pay this difference.

Resolved, That we condemn the present board of railroad assessors for their action in reducing the valuation of the property of the railroads of the state, whereby the burdens of taxation already imposed upon the people have been unjustly increased; and we commend the bold stand taken in congress by the senators and representatives of the People's party in their determined fight against monopolistic corporations, and we hereby pledge to them our united support, and express our unbounded confidence in their wisdom and ability.

Resolved, That we approve the wise and progressive legislation passed by the lower house of the legislature at its last session, and condemn the Republican senators for non-concurrence in the same. And especially do we commend the action of such house in passing a bill providing for the weekly payment of wages by all corporate companies, and condemn the senate for defeating the same; and we demand that the next legislature enact such law, and for the benefit of our miners we favor the adoption of the

Missouri screen law as the law of this state.

We condemn the betrayal of the promises of the Republican party in its platform of 1890, by its representatives in the senate, in defeating by non-action the Australian ballot bill and the bill providing for the election of railroad commissioners by the people, both of which were promised in its platform, and we commend the action of the People's party representatives in the lower house for redeeming their promises to us.

We commend the People's party representatives in the lower house for the passage of the bill making Pinkerton's detective system amenable to law; and for the passage of the bill prohibiting the blacklisting and discharging of corporate employees without an opportunity to be heard in their defense, and we condemn the Republican senate for failing to pass such bills.

We also favor just and equitable pension laws for the benefit of railroad employees who are injured in the company's service, such pensions to be paid by the companies, and to be a first lien on their property. We commend the People's party representatives of the lower house at the last session in passing the maximum freight rate bill, and condemn the Republican senate for allowing the same to die on its calendar, confident of the fact that if it had become a law the interior cities of the state, which are justly complaining of discrimination against them by the railroads in favor of Missouri river points, would find the evil removed, and we pledge the people in city and country to remedy the same by legislation.

Resolved, That we favor the abolition of the system of passes in general use by railroad companies as a species of favoritism dangerous to the freedom of American sovereignty. We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and favor the submission to a vote of the people of Kansas of an amendment to the state constitution providing for equal suffrage of all American citizen without regard to sex.

Resolved, That, although the People's party of Kansas is largely composed of farmers, we sympathize with all classes of laborers, and will aid them in their contest for a better system and more equitable division of the profits of their toil, and we invite their co-operation in our warfare against a common enemy.

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Resolutions Passed By the Ethical Club of Topeka.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 28, 1892.

Whereas, Moses Harman, the president of this club, has again been committed to prison, charged with the violation of the postal laws attempting to regulate the nature of mailable matter, and

Whereas, The principle involved is one that assaults the right of a free press and assails, not only the liberty of thought and speech, but endangers the business interests of the press everywhere, therefore

Resolved, That this club makes the reasonable request that newspaper publishers furnishing advance copies of their publications to the post office officials or agents, shall be exempt from responsibility when such publications are subsequently received and mailed. The responsibility of determining what is and what is not mailable matter must be assumed by the department instead of, as now, being left as a trap to catch innocent and well meaning publishers, who may have their own views as to what is wholesome literature. The common right of protection recognized in all free countries requires, if censorship of the press must be, that publishers may be able to save themselves from the danger of prosecution and imprisonment by demanding that the acceptance of postage by the department, when advance copies of such mailable matter have been furnished, shall act as a bar against any charge of violation of the postal law.

Resolved, That this club has the highest regard for the moral worth of Moses Harman, its president; that it believes no word of reproach has ever been uttered against his personal character, and that he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him well, and that even those who antagonize ideas that he may entertain, many of which this club will not attempt to fully endorse, still have the utmost confidence in his integrity of purpose.

Resolved, That this, the Topeka Ethical club, believing in and tolerating the utmost freedom of discussion as the only means of reaching ultimate truth, does hereby extend to Mr. Harman its warmest sympathies, assuring him that he has our respect as a citizen, our love as a friend, and our admiration for his unselfish devotion to his own ideal of right.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our friend and presiding officer, Moses Harman, in his confinement, and that they be furnished to his paper, Lucifer, and to the city press for publication.

G. F. KIMBALL,
J. W. ADAMS,
J. A. ADAMS,

Committee.

[ATTEST:]
MR. BULLARD, Vice President.
G. F. KIMBALL, Secretary.

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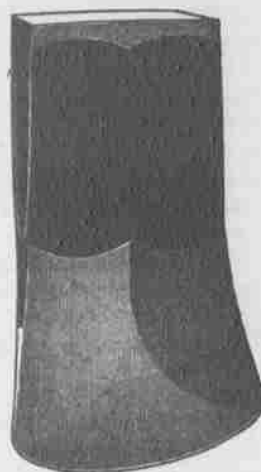
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